The True Treasure

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Baba and Mansoor sat together on a cool evening, watching the stars twinkle in the sky.

Mansoor: Baba, my friend Ahmed said that being rich means having lots of gold and money. Is that true?

Baba: Hmm, what do you think, my son?

Mansoor: I think he might be right. If someone has a big house and a lot of money, they must be very happy.

Baba smiled and gently placed his hand on Mansoor's shoulder.

Baba: My dear Mansoor, true richness is not just about money. Let me tell you what our beloved Prophet ﷺ taught us. He said that Allah has commanded him to spread the message of Islam so that people testify La ilaha illallah, Muhammadur Rasulullah—that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad ﷺ is His Messenger. Along with this, they must pray and give charity.

Mansoor: But Baba, how does this make someone rich?

Baba: True wealth is in the heart, my son. When a person believes in Allah and follows Islam, they earn something greater than gold—peace and blessings from Allah. They protect their soul and their deeds, just as the Hadith says. Their real reward is with Allah, who will judge their actions on the Day of Judgment.

Mansoor thought for a moment, then smiled.

Mansoor: So, the richest person is the one who has faith, prays, and helps others with charity?

Baba: Exactly, my son! Money can be lost, but the love of Allah stays forever. When we obey Him, we save ourselves in this life and the Hereafter.

Mansoor: I want to be rich in the way Allah loves! I will always pray and share what I have with others.

Baba hugged Mansoor warmly.

Baba: That is the best treasure, my son—the treasure of Iman. May Allah always keep your heart filled with it.

Mansoor: Ameen, Baba!